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June 19, 2001

Letter of Deficiency
DAM #171.04

Mr. Ray Buxton
Newfields Village Sewer District
P.O. Box 301
Newfields, NH 03856

RE: Newfields Sewage Lagoon, Newfield

Dear Mr. Buxton

The Department of Environmental Services, Dam Bureau (DES) consistently strives to enhance the safety of dams in New Hampshire through its dam safety program. One of the many instruments that plays a part in reaching this goal is our inspection program. DES is forwarding this correspondence to you to advise you that in accordance with RSA 482:12 and Env-Wr 502.02, an inspection of the subject dam was conducted on April 20, 2001. During this visual inspection and/or file review, the following deficiencies were observed:

There were trees and brush along the northwest and southeast embankment; and

There is no operation and maintenance procedure plan on file with the DES.

DES believes that the above deficiencies can be corrected by performing the following items by the indicated schedule:

July 15, 2001:

1. Prepare and submit to the DES a written operations and maintenance procedure plan. The plan should describe the control of impoundment levels, monitoring and maintenance procedures, and identify emergency contact personnel. Refer to the enclosed guidelines; and

September 1, 2001:

2. Clear trees and brush from the northwest and southeast embankment

DES is requesting that you complete and submit the attached "Intent to Complete Repairs" form, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, that will provide for correction of the identified deficiencies by the date(s) indicated above. If you believe changes to the items of work or dates are necessary, please make the changes directly on the form and provide a brief explanation. We have enclosed a self addressed stamped envelope for you to return this form.

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Our intent in sending you this correspondence is to make you aware of items that DES believes warrant your attention to insure the continued safe operation of your dam. It is our hope that, through the submittal of the attached form and a commitment to keeping a well-maintained dam, you will voluntarily comply with the requested items of work. If we do not receive the intent form or a similarly adequate written reply, we will assume that you are in agreement with our findings and recommendations and DES will carry out follow-up inspections accordingly.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Letter of Deficiency or would like to be present at future inspections, please contact me at 271-3406, or write to the Water Division at the address listed on the top of the previous page.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Grace E. Levergood", is written over the word "COPY".

Grace E. Levergood, P.E.
Dam Safety Engineer

Attachments DB8, DB13, Guideline for an O&M plan
cc: Gretchen Rule
Town of Newfields
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